GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1436
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006
DACOITY IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of rail dacoities in Jharkhand and Bihar during each of last three years;

(b) whether casualties have also been suffered during such incidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways for safety and security of the pa

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) The number of dacoities reported in trains in Jharkhand & Bihar during the last three years i.e. 2004, 2005 and 2006 (upto September) is as under:

Year	No. of dacoities reported	
	Jharkhand	Bihar
2004	13	58
2005	22	28
2006 (upto September)	14	45

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A Statement giving brief details of number of persons killed in these incidents during 2004, 2005 and 2006 (upto September) is attached.

(d): According to Entry No.2 of the State List of the Constitution of India, `Police` (including Railways and village Police) , is a State subject. Registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Police. The State Police have a separate wing called the Government Railway Police (GRP) for dealing with all matters relating to law and order on the Railways. Thus, the Railways have to largely depend on Government Railway Police (GRP) for controlling crime on Railways.

Despite the above fact, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff are being deployed to escort many trains and also on access control duties in the passenger area to effectively supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways. RPF

has also been empowered to deal with the minor offences affecting the train operations such as alarm chain pulling, roof travel, touting, ticketless travel, unauthorized entry into coaches earmarked for ladies etc. (except Sabotage related offences under Sections 150 to 152) with the amendment to the Railways Act, 1989 w.e.f. July 2004. From 01.07.2004 to September 2006, RPF has arrested and prosecuted 22.84 lakhs offenders under the Railways Act with realization of fine Rs.45.39 crores. This has positively helped in making Railways as a safer mode of transport.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1436 BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.11.2006 REGARDING DACOITY IN TRAINS.

YEAR	RAILWAY / STATE	BRIEF DETAILS OF THE CASE
2004	East Central Railway	Bihar 1.On 27.5.2004, about 10 armed criminals committed dacoity in trains No. 3483 Up Farakka Express in between Behiya-Raghunathpur. On being resisted, one passenger named Bhawar Singh, Inspector / BSF traveling in train was shot dead. The Government Railways Police/ Ara registered a case vide crime No. 35/04 dated 28.5.2004 under section 396, 398 Indian Penal code (IPC).
		2.On 2.6.2004, about 07-armed criminals committed dacoity in train No. 3010 Dn. Doon Express in between Anugrah Narayan Road-Guraru Railway stations. On being resisted, one passenger traveling in the train was shot dead. The vide crime No. 13/04 dated 3.6.2004 under section 396 Indian Penal Code (IPC).
2005	East Central Railway	Bihar 1. On 5.4.2005, about 10-armed criminals suspected to be MCC, attacked three GRP personnel escorting train No. 507 Jhaja- Patna Passenger in between Jhajha-Kiul Railway stations throwing dry chilli powder on their face. One GRP personnel was shot dead and one injured. Government Railways Police / Jhajha registered a case vide crime No. 9/05 dated 5.4.2005 under section 396,332 Indian Penal Code (IPC). and 17 CL Act.
		2. On 20.8.2005, about 8 armed criminals committed dacoity in train No. 3484 Farkka Express in between Barh- Railly English Halt Railway stations. On being resisted, one passenger (retired CRPF jawan) traveling in the train was shot dead. Government Railways Police / Bakhtiarpur registered a case vide crime No. 39/05 dated 21.8.2005 under section 396 Indian Penal Code (IPC).
2006	East Central Railway	Bihar 1. On 17.4.2006, about 10-15 armed criminals committed dacoity in train No. 530 Dn in between Chamua Halt-Narkatiya Ganj Railway stations. On being resisted, one passenger was shot dead. Government Railways Police/ Narkatiya Ganj registered a case vide crime No. 15/06 dated 17.4.2006 under section 396 Indian Penal Code IPC).
		2. On the night of 23/24.4.2006, about 6-7 armed criminals committed dacoity in train no. 407 up passenger in

between Bhairoganj-Khairpokhra Railway stations. On being resisted, one passenger was shot dead. Government Railways Police / Narkatiyaganj registered a case vide crime no. 16/06 dated 24.4.2006 under section 396 Indian Penal Code (IPC).

3. On 4.6.2006, about 6-7 armed criminals committed dacoity in train no. 2142 Up between Rajendera Nagar- Patna Jn. Railway stations. On being resisted, one ex. DIG of Police; traveling in the train, was shot dead. Government Railways Police / Patna Jn. registered a case vide crime no. 188/06 dated 4.6.2006 under section 396 Indian Penal Code (IPC).